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| <b>REQUEST<br/>FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><br>Address to:<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>Mail Stop AF<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | <b>Application Number</b>   | 09/224,219            |
|  | <b>Filing Date</b>          | December 30, 1998     |
|  | <b>First Named Inventor</b> | S. Vincent Birleson   |
|  | <b>Group Art Unit</b>       | 2685                  |
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|  | <b>Attorney Docket No.</b>  | 49581/P016US/09806411 |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 05/19/2003 DTESSEN1 00000161 09224219

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 375.00 OP

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 375.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**Request for Continued Examination**

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